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SUBJECT: UNHCR REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT OF BLANKETS TO ZAIRE

REF: GENEVA 11893

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED REFUGEE NEEDS WITH UNHCR REPS INCLUDING LOCAL DIRECTOR SICOTTE. UNHCR HAS IN TURN MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FIELD TO DETERMINE CURRENT STATUS OF REFUGEE NEEDS. SITUATION APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED CONSIDERABLY AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR A U.S. MILITARY AIRLIFT IS AT LEAST UNCERTAIN. UNHCR IS REPORTING TO GENEVA IN MUCH THESE SAME TERMS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT US MISSION GENEVA SPEAK AGAIN WITH VON ARNIM AFTER HE HAS RECEIVED THE UNHCR KINSHASA REPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. THIS IS THE COOL SEASON IN BAS ZAIRE, THE ONLY TIME OF THE YEAR THAT BLANKETS ARE REQUIRED. IT IS ALSO A VERY DRY PERIOD RATHER THAN RAINY AS VON ARNIM SUGGESTS. THE RAINS
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WILL BEGIN BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER; THE TEMPERATURE WILL THEN BE MUCH WARMER AND BLANKETS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

3. THE NUMBER OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN BAS ZAIRE HAS INCREASED FROM 60,000 TO 72,000. HOWEVER, UNHCR KINSHASA REPORTS THAT SUFFICIENT BLANKETS ARE ON HAND TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE

ANGOLAN REFUGEES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR APPROXIMATELY 15,000 BLANKETS FOR CABINDAN REFUGEES, NOW IN UNHCR CAMPS AT LUNDU MATENDA AND KIMBIANGA. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND UNHCR GENEVA ALSO REQUESTED THE COMMON MARKET TO PROVIDE AIR-LIFT FOR TRANSPORTING BLANKETS FROM GERMANY TO KINSHASA. SINCE ONLY 15,000 BLANKETS ARE NEEDED ON AN URGENT BASIS, COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT RATHER THAN U.S. AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE MIGHT SUFFICE. END FYI. CUTLER

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